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Applicant: Julio C. Spinelli et al.

Title: CARDIAC RHYTHM MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH ARRHYTHMIA CLASSIFICATION AND ELECTRODE SELECTION SYSTEM

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY AND COMMENTS ON STATEMENTS OF REASONS FOR
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On February 4, 2005, Examiner Kennedy Schaetzle, telephoned the undersigned to discuss claims 1 and 30. Applicant agreed to amend claim 1 and 30 as stated in the Examiner's Amendment to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant acknowledges the Notice of Allowance dated February 9, 2005.

In response to the portion of the Examiner's Interview Summary that states that the Examiner's amendment to claim 30 was deemed necessary to overcome the art of record, Applicant respectfully disagrees with this stated reason behind this amendment to claim 30. Applicant believes that the addition of the language "by at least three of" to claim 30 was a non-narrowing non-art-related clarification of language already present in claim 30 that recited "sequentially adjacent pairs of electrodes." It is Applicant's view that the existing "sequentially adjacent pairs of electrodes," (with its use of the plural form "pairs") inherently required at least two different pairs of electrodes. This, in turn, inherently requires at least three electrodes (for example, in a three electrode configuration, one electrode would be shared between the pairs of electrodes). Accordingly, because the added language "by at least three of" merely clarified existing claim language, Applicant respectfully submits that the addition of such language was clarifying, non-narrowing, and not required to overcome the art of record.

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6951 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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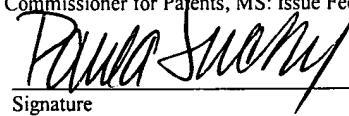
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